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SOURCE Statistische Praxis, No 7, 1951.DEVELOPMENT OF FREE GERMAN YOUTH MOVEMENT

The statistics listed in the following tables show the development of the Free German Youth Organization (FDJ) and its subordinate groups between 1946 and 1951.

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Table 1. FDJ Membership and Basic Units

Date	No of Mem	No of Basic Units					Membership Breakdown (%)			
		Shop Groups	School Groups	Village Groups	Town Groups	Total	Shop Groups	School Groups	Village Groups	Town Groups
7 Mar 1946 -- Founding of the FDJ	160,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	-	--	--
1 Jun 1946 -- 1st Congress (Parliament) (Brandenburg)	250,000	1,410	184	3,528	984	6,106	--	--	--	--
1 May 1947 -- 2d Congress (Weissen)	454,000	2,798	361	7,507	1,914	12,580	15.0	3.0	54.0	28.0
1 Jun 1949 -- 3d Congress (Leipzig)	677,000	5,936	738	8,153	1,998	16,825	19.0	4.0	55.0	22.0
27 May 1950 -- German Youth Convention (Deutschlandtreffen)	1,300,533	10,521	1,781	9,035	2,728	24,065	29.0	8.8	38.2	24.0
7 Mar 1951 -- 5th Anniversary of the FDJ	1,737,498	15,333	3,154	9,391	4,038	31,916	35.9	10.3	30.9	22.9

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Table 2. Young Pioneers  
(Originally known as Childhood Movement  
[Kinderland Bewegung] and Children's League [Kindervereinigung])

<u>Date</u>	<u>No of Mem</u>	<u>No of Groups</u>
Feb 1947	Approx 85,000	1,661
1 May 1947 -- 2d Congress	Approx 100,000	3,207
1 Jun 1949 -- 3d Congress	550,000	13,704
27 May 1950 -- German Youth Convention	1,036,393	26,597
7 Mar 1951 -- 5th Anniversary of the FDJ	1,560,982	30,660

Table 3. Young Activists' Movement (Jungaktivistenbewegung)

<u>Date</u>	<u>No of Brigades*</u>
1st Young Activists' Congress (Zeitz)	498
2d Young Activists' Congress (Erfurt)	1,300
3d Congress	9,749
German Youth Convention	15,000
Peace Rally (Jul - Nov 1950)	34,806

\*Numerical strength of brigades not indicated.

Table 4. Membership Increases During Rallies

<u>Rally</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Dura- tion (mo)</u>	<u>Membership Increase</u>		
			<u>Actual</u>	<u>In % of Membership at Rally Start</u>	<u>Avg per Mo</u>
Rally on behalf of 3d Congress	1 Oct 48- 30 Apr 49	7	233,000	55	33,000
Max Reimann Rally	1 Jul 49- 1 Sep 49	2	232,000	35	116,000
Preparedness-for-Work and For-the-Defense- of-Peace Rally	1 Mar 50- 23 Mar 50	3	219,000	42	73,000
Peace Rally	1 Jul 50- 15 Nov 50	4.5	437,000	34	97,000

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Table 5. Preparedness-for-Work and For-the Defense-of-Peace Rally  
1 March - 23 May 1950

<u>Assignments</u>	Status as of <u>1 Mar '50</u>	Status as of <u>23 May '50</u>	<u>Increase</u>	
			<u>Actual</u>	<u>%</u>
Persons active in National Front Committees	13,395	55,440	42,045	313.8
FDJ Campaign Groups	4,249	27,428	23,179	554.8
Participants in FDJ Campaign Groups	62,714	212,409	149,695	239.0
Circles for Study of FDJ Constitution	10,125	19,676	9,551	94.0
Participants in above study circles	135,270	238,415	153,145	113.0
Study groups of young per- sons working for "Badge of Excellent Knowledge"	3,950	11,920	7,962	201.2
Participants in above study circles	47,827	156,394	108,567	225.5

Table 6. Stalin Rally, 6 June - 31 July 1951

<u>Stages</u>	<u>Date (1951)</u>	<u>Students Who Attended Courses in Basic Leninism</u>	<u>Pledges for Plan Fulfillment 6 Days Ahead of Target Dates</u>	<u>Newly Recruited Mem of FDJ and Young Pioneers</u>
1	22 Jun	174,821	40,848	58,955
2	29 Jun	374,175	87,411	63,768
3	6 Jul	603,995	175,384	75,863
4	11 Jul	718,196	227,027	83,233
5	18 Jul	790,627	248,710*	37,692

\*Applies only to people-owned industries

Table 7. Max Reimann Rally, 1 July - 1 September 1949

<u>Assignments</u>	<u>Status as of</u>	
	<u>1 Jul 49</u>	<u>1 Sep 49</u>
Activist Groups	7,965	28,486
Study Groups	2,315	8,127
FDJ Sports Groups	384,000	479,516
Young Activists Groups	65,000	220,000

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Table 8. Collection of Signatures for Outlawing of Atomic Bomb, 1 May -  
5 November 1950

<u>Land Organizations</u>	<u>No of Signatures Collected</u>
Berlin	520,968
Brandenburg	867,892
Mecklenburg	1,009,447
Sachsen-Anhalt	1,464,917
Thuringen	1,585,224
Sachsen	2,601,325
West German Land Organizations	560,000
Total	8,609,773

Table 9. Participants in Vocational Competitions

<u>Vocational Competition</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>No of Participants</u>
1st	1948	116,000
2d	1949	280,686
3d	1950	441,565

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